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FROM STERNER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: ATHERTON MISSION

1. AMBASSADOR ATHERTON APPRECIATES YOUR EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN STRETCH T-39. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE VISIT TO KUWAIT, ATHERTON
WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS BUT THERE WILL NOT BE TIME DURING
FIRST PHASE OF HIS MISSION. SUBSEQUENTLY WE WILL WISH
TO CONSIDER WHETHER TRIP TO KUWAIT AS WELL AS TO OTHER
ARAB CAPITALS WHERE WE WANT TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR U.S.
NEGOTIATING STRATEGY WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE COMING
BEFORE (IF THERE IS TIME) POSSIBLE TRIP BY SECRETARY TO
AREA, OR FOLLOWING SUCH TRIP. WHATEVER PRECISE TIMING,
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ATHERTON DEFINITELY AGREES IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO
INCLUDE KUWAIT IN SWING THROUGH ARAB CAPITALS WHOSE
SUPPORT FOR PEACE PROCESS IS IMPORTANT TO US.VANCE

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